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In re the Application of: Teruhiko IMOTO et al.

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For. **HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND HYDROGEN ABSORBING
ALLOY ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD
OF PRODUCING THE SAME**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 29, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003 for one month from April 2, 2003 to May 2, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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